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Form for Evaluating Internet Information Resources

(NOTE: This form is not for evaluating productivity software/sites, simulation games/sites, or educational software/games/sites)

1. URL of Web page being evaluated: <https://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Johnson/Guide/who.html>
 2. Primary use (students, teacher, parent, other,...): *Teacher*
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Questions 3-10 are about the site that is hosting your page.

3. Truncate the URL of the Web page. What is the domain name of the Web site?
<http://www.newark.rutgers.edu/>
 4. What is the name of Web site? *Rutgers University: Newark*
 5. What is the purpose or goal of this Web site? *"On these pages you'll learn more about the Rutgers University-Newark Campus."*
 6. What organization or individual created this site? *Rutgers University, Newark*
 7. What affiliations/purpose/audience do they have that might create a built-in bias toward the information? What is that bias? (Note: every site has bias, you just have to be aware of what that bias is and be prepared to defend it or present information from other viewpoints.) *They will be trying to convince people to come to their school and so will portray only the good aspects. When it comes to professors and their work, this might actually be beneficial because they wouldn't want to showcase any work that was poor or inappropriate.*
 8. What other types of organizations link to this site? (Using the Google search engine, type *link:* and the Web site address (example: *link:www.website.com*)) *Sites from the Newark University, educational places in New Jersey, work opportunities in the area, and one link for Hispanic bachelors at colleges*
 9. Is there a way to provide feedback on the Web site and create an exchange with the author or Web site manager? *Yes, they have a contact page with emails and phone numbers.*
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Questions 10-12 are about the specific page that has information for your project/unit:

10. Who is the author of the page and does that person have valid credentials to present this information (the creator of the site is not always the author of a page within the site)? *Jack Lynch is a professor of English at Rutgers University. On the site, he says " I wrote my [dissertation](#) on Johnson, I edit [The Age of Johnson: A Scholarly Annual](#), I've published [several books](#), both scholarly and popular, on Johnson, and I maintain other pages devoted to [the eighteenth century](#)"*
11. What other references are cited for the information presented? *There are many links to other books and scholarly articles/research about Samuel Johnson that Lynch suggests and provides as reading.*

12. **How old is the material on the page? Is it current or outdated (copyright year is not the same as the last update)?** *This site was last updated on July 26th, 2005 which was nearly a decade ago, but the subject matter is about a man from the 18th century, so I have a feeling the information is still largely current and correct.*
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Final evaluation questions:

13. **Are there ads linked to the page or the site that might make this page inappropriate for your audience? Are the ads “sticky” or static? If there are no ads, how is this Web site paid for (where do they get their money)?** *There are no ads. The site is likely funded from the University budget.*
14. **Is there other content on the site that appears affiliated with the information you’ve selected that might make this page inappropriate** (a Web site with great tutorials on how to make good movies with sections on how to make a documentary, a biography, an infomercial, etc. might also have a tutorial on making an inappropriate movie)? *The only other content he links to that is not related to Samuel Johnson is a page indexing some [moose-related websites](#) and information. And yes, I mean the animal.*
15. **How helpful is this site/page to you? Does it have the information you need and feel confident using?** *If I were going to do a portion of teaching involving Samuel Johnson, this would be a solid place for me to start.*
16. **Describe how this Web site/page might be used in your project/unit:** *As an author of one of the first and most comprehensive English dictionaries, Samuel Johnson was a forerunner in the age of creating rules and consistent spellings of words in a time when both of those things were mostly dependent upon personal choice. The change between those two times is one of the focuses of my unit, and so Johnson could be a good symbol of the learning.*
17. **Reviewing your answers above, is this a good page/site to use for your project/unit? Why or why not?** (NOTE: Some questions above may not apply to your page; there is no rule as to how many “correct” answers are needed for a page to be good or what constitutes a “bad” page. You just need to be able to justify your choices and the information above can provide good support.) *This is a very good site to use because it has information provided in an easily readable way by someone who is very well-qualified to deliver it. It also has other links to helpful sites and readings that are available online if I feel like I need some extra information.*